

Our youth want so desperately to take hold of their destiny and work to ensure a brighter and more prosperous future. There is so much they can do—all they need is the opportunity.

**HONORING THE FRIEDENS CHURCH  
OF CHRIST IN IRVINGTON, ILLI-  
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**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 23, 2000*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Friedens Church of Christ in Irvington, Illinois. They recently celebrated their 110th anniversary.

The anniversary was marked with a celebration and the display of the Bible which was donated to the congregation in 1919 by Kaiser Wilhelm II, former emperor of Germany. The Bible, which was autographed by the Kaiser, is the oldest in the area, and was given to their pastor, Rev. Rauch, who had previously served as pastor of the Evangelical Church in Berlin that was attended by Wilhelm II.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage them and thank them for their many years of ministry. I wish the church continued growth and another 110 years of service.

**HONORING BOBBY MITCHELL'S  
TEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE  
LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCI-  
ETY**

**HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 23, 2000*

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great honor to rise today to pay tribute to Bobby Mitchell's ten years of service to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Before contributing to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Bobby starred for the Cleveland Browns and Washington Redskins of the National Football League (NFL) from 1958–1968. His prolific football career earned him election to the Hall of Fame in 1983. Today, Bobby Mitchell serves as the Assistant General Manager for the Washington Redskins. In addition to his managerial duties, Bobby has made defeating leukemia a goal of his since his pro-football days.

Bobby's motivation to beat leukemia, is linked to the death of a friend, Ernie Davis, a leukemia victim. Ironically, former Heisman trophy winner, Davis, was traded from the Washington Redskins to the Cleveland Browns in 1961 for Bobby Mitchell. To prevent leukemia from seizing other gifted citizens lives, Bobby joined forces with David Timko, Executive Director of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, in 1990. Their mission was to raise money for leukemia research to help find a cure for this dreadful disease. As a solution, Bobby proposed hosting a golf and tennis tournament featuring members of the football and basketball Hall of Fame. Through Bobby's dedication, the event has become the

nation's largest annual gathering of Hall of Famers.

Since the Hall of Fame Golf & Tennis Classic's inception a decade ago, the tournament has drawn such legendary names as Joe Namath, Bill Russell, and Oscar Robertson. Their presence has assisted in raising over \$1.5 million for leukemia research. Thanks to these philanthropic contributions, we can now generate public awareness, provide support programs for patients and their families, and educate health professionals about the latest advances in leukemia diagnosis and treatment. I am confident that Bobby and his fellow Hall of Famers have brought us one step closer to a cure.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the 10th anniversary of the Bobby Mitchell Chrysler Plymouth Hall of Fame Golf & Tennis Classic will take place on the weekend of July 8th and 9th at the Lansdowne Resort in Lansdowne, Virginia. Players and fans alike will join in remembering Tom Landry, legendary coach of the Dallas Cowboys and winner of two super bowls, himself a leukemia victim. Seeing a celebrated citizen in Tom Landry pass away, highlights the need for more Bobby Mitchell's who are willing to help find a cure for leukemia.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like to thank Bobby Mitchell for his ten years of service to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. In hosting the Hall of Fame Golf & Tennis Classic for the last ten years, Bobby has led a revolution of football and basketball Hall of Famers against the dreadful disease of leukemia. With his leadership and selfless dedication to the cause, valuable funds have been raised for leukemia research. I know my colleagues join me in honoring Bobby Mitchell for this ten years of service to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

**HONORING THE UNITED STATES  
COAST GUARD CUTTER CONIFER**

**HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 23, 2000*

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the United States Coast Guard Cutter CONIFER, currently homeported on Terminal Island in San Pedro, California. Today the CONIFER will be decommissioned after 57 years of distinguished service.

A member of the Coast Guard's Buoy Tender fleet, the CONIFER was commissioned on May 4, 1943. Throughout the years, many have relied upon the Coast Guard Cutter CONIFER to perform lighthouse service visits and renovations, service weather data gathering buoys, perform law enforcement operations, assist with national defense, protect the environment, and perform search and rescue missions.

The CONIFER has had an illustrious history, patrolling the nation's waterways and ensuring the safety of those navigating the high seas. Shortly after being commissioned, the Conifer was called upon to patrol the North Atlantic during World War II. Nearly six decades later, it was the CONIFER serving as the On Scene

Commander in charge of search and rescue efforts following the crash of Alaska Airlines flight 261 off Point Mugu in January. She and her crew have served the country with honor and distinction.

Based in San Pedro the last 14 years, the CONIFER has patrolled the waters of southern California. The seafaring men and women of the Conifer have touched the lives of many during her tenure in San Pedro. We are grateful for her service.

Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty, these are the core values of the United States Coast Guard. The CONIFER exemplified these values during her service to the nation and southern California over the last 57 years.

For nearly six decades, the CONIFER has served the nation with great diligence and distinction. I commend the men and women who have served aboard the CONIFER over the years. I also commend Lieutenant Commander Jeff Loftus and his crew for their service to southern California. Your contributions to the community are deeply appreciated. We look forward to the Coast Guard's continued presence in the region when the Coast Guard Cutter George COBB assumes the CONIFER's duties this fall.

**HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF THE KOREAN WAR**

**HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 23, 2000*

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, this Sunday, June 25 will be the 50th anniversary of the commencement of the Korean War. I join my colleagues, veterans, their families and all Americans in forever memorializing those who fought and died in the quest for freedom in South Asia.

Millions today live in freedom and thrive in economic prosperity as a direct result of the U.S. and our U.N. allies intervening in Korea and taking a stand on the 38th parallel. For that sacrifice, I applaud the thousands of veterans who risked and sacrificed their lives so others could be free. Your service will stand as a permanent reminder of our nation's commitment to securing freedom and liberty for all.

Last week we saw a historic meeting which many regard as the first step towards reuniting North and South Korea. While eventual reunification would still take many years of patient diplomacy, such an event looks more and more like a reality. I am hopeful that we can close this chapter and bring home our troops who continue to face danger along the de-militarized zone (DMZ).

All across the country, Americans have been and will be commemorating the Korean War. I commend all those who take time out from their everyday lives to pay homage to those who served and sacrificed in Korea. I express my hope that across San Antonio, in South Texas, all over the U.S. and around the world, Americans will make every effort to remember the price we paid in that conflict.

Earlier this session, the House unanimously passed H.J. Res. 86, recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War.

The bill was subsequently enacted into law. It expresses congressional recognition of the significance of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. The resolution expresses gratitude for members of the Armed Forces who served in the Korean War, especially those who died in action or remain unaccounted for. Finally, the resolution calls upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the Korean War and those who fought in it, and to call on the country to observe the anniversary with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

I look forward to this and future opportunities that we have to remember those who fought and sacrificed so that the U.S. and her allies could live in peace.

TRIBUTE TO SAM SUPLIZIO —  
TRULY A BASEBALL LEGEND

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, It is with great pride and pleasure that I would like to take this moment to honor Sam Suplizio for being inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Sam has dedicated a significant portion of his life to the great American game of Baseball. His many successes as a player and coach make him most deserving of this Hall of Fame induction as well as the praise and esteem of this great body. For these reasons, I feel it is proper that we pay tribute to him now.

Sam's devotion to baseball started with his stellar career as a player. He got his start as an All-American Center Fielder for the University of New Mexico, where he had a three-year varsity career. To further his playing career, Sam was drafted in 1953 by the New York Yankees. While with the Yankee's organization, Sam earned such honors as Eastern League's best defensive outfielder and was recognized as a league all-star.

Sam began his coaching career as a manager for the Dodgers' Thomasville affiliate. After a short stint with the Dodgers, Sam moved to Grand Junction, Colorado where he landed a job coaching the Grand Junction Eagles, a job that provided him with 20 years of success. Sam's coaching career has also steered him overseas, where he headed the World Port tournament in Rotterdam, Holland and instructed teams in both Europe and Israel. In all, Sam has spent 46 years as a player or coach in professional baseball. His professional career has seen him serve as a coach/instructor for the Milwaukee Brewers and the Anaheim Angels.

Mr. Speaker, Sam Suplizio is truly an American baseball legend. His dedication and devotion to the great American game of baseball are unparalleled and should not go without recognition. Beyond his remarkable career in baseball, Sam has been a pillar of the community in Grand Junction and a role model for many. His love for the game is eminently worthy of this body's recognition even as he receives this prestigious award from the American Baseball Coaches Association. Great job Sam! Your community is very proud of you!

HONORING ALVERNE MAYHEW  
FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO  
THE COMMUNITY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2000

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, It gives me great pleasure today to pay tribute to a remarkable individual who has left an indelible mark on our community, my dear friend, Al Mayhew. On Sunday, June 25, friends, family and colleagues will gather to recognize his many accomplishments as he celebrates his retirement.

Al's dedication and commitment to his country and his community is inspiring. After entering the United States Air Force in 1939, Al served for twenty years, stationed in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, the Pacific and North America. During the course of World War II, as a pilot, Al completed 45 missions with the 301st Fighter Squadron of the 332nd Fighter Group. As a man with many interests, Al's professional career is truly remarkable. Upon coming to New Haven, Al began a twenty year career at Pratt & Whitney, and later took on a part-time position at Lincoln Bassett Elementary School as a tutor for four years. For the past twelve years, Al has been working with the Elderly Services Department of the City of New Haven where he has become a familiar face throughout our community. A leading advocate for seniors, Al has given them a strong voice in the City of New Haven—one which will never be forgotten.

Today, at the age of 79, Al will retire from his professional life, though it is our hope that he continues to remain active in the New Haven area. In addition to the variety of professional positions he has held, throughout his life, Al has also been involved in a myriad of civic organizations. As a member of the Literacy Volunteers of America, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Community Action Agency Nutrition Program, and a board member of the South Central Connecticut Agency on Aging, to name just a few, Al's compassion and efforts have made a real difference in the lives of many of our community's most vulnerable citizens. For over sixty years, Al has dedicated himself, both professionally and as a volunteer, to improving the quality of life for our children and families. His exceptional record of service should serve as an example for us all.

I have had the distinct privilege of working with Al and I am honored to call him my friend. It is with great pride that I join his wife, Judith, their seven children, friends, and colleagues to congratulate Al. I also extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for his many contributions to our community and best wishes for continued health and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO VIRGINIA BEST  
ADAMS

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2000

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of my

dear friend, Mrs. Virginia Best Adams, who passed away on January 29, 2000 at the age of 96. Mrs. Adams will be remembered for her love and dedication for Yosemite as well as her shared compassion for music. As a child, Virginia Adams spent her childhood doting over the natural beauty of Yosemite, and later as an adult it would be there that she would meet and marry the love of her life, Ansel Adams. Through her many accomplishments, Mrs. Adams will best be remembered for her contribution to the Monterey Peninsula culture.

As a devoted mother, Virginia Adams will be remembered well by her daughter Ann Helms. Ms. Helms noted that her mother was, "One of her dearest friends from the time [she] was a teenager on." Helms attributes this sacred friendship to her family's shared love for reading and history.

Known within the family circle as, "Nini", Virginia Adams will be remembered formidably for her favorite shade of green. This shade of green, identified as, "a little bit brighter than forest green", is highlighted in Mrs. Adam's living room draperies. Later, this trademark green was used in the cover of a CD titled, "Nini Green".

In addition to her daughter, Mrs. Adams is survived by her son, Dr. Michael Adams; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. Adam's curiosity for the natural world will be missed, but will not die as we acknowledge the contributions she has made upon music. Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask you and our distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the distinguished attributes of Mrs. Virginia Adams.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF COOL CREST

**HON. KAREN MCCARTHY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2000

Ms. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, this weekend, June 23–25, marks the 50th anniversary of Cool Crest Garden Golf and Game Room. This venerable complex is the oldest family entertainment center in Missouri's Fifth District. This Independence, MO business has provided families and teens a high quality, fun, and safe area to spend time seven days a week.

Cool Crest opened in 1950 with two miniature golf courses and sprawling manicured gardens in the countryside of Eastern Jackson County. Today, apartment complexes and businesses have replaced the fields as the area around Cool Crest developed. King and Inez Patterson owned and operated the business from its beginnings, and Inez continued to operate Cool Crest after the 1986 death of her husband. The business was in the Patterson family for 46 years before Inez sold it to Frank and Jennifer Licausi in 1997. In keeping with longstanding tradition which demonstrates her commitment to the company, Inez continues to work in the gardens. Because it remains a family-owned business, Cool Crest maintains its unique personal touch with its customers.

Over the years the business has expanded to include two more miniature golf courses